



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 14 November 2007

Current Nationwide



[For info click here](#)

- *The Associated Press* reported that a suitcase began smoking Tuesday in a cargo area at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The fire department was called, and the bag was not found to contain explosives. A San Antonio-bound flight and the accompanying boarding area were evacuated. The bag's owner, a passenger on the flight, was being questioned, officials said. The flight was delayed about one hour and no other flights were affected. (See item [12](#))
- According to *Computerworld*, Seagate Technology LLC confirmed Monday a *Taipei Times* report that about 1800 disk drives shipped from a contractor's facility in Thailand with two Trojan horses preinstalled. In the *Times*, Taiwan's Investigation Bureau said the Trojans "phone home" data stolen from the corrupted drives to a pair of Beijing-hosted Web sites, and that it suspected the involvement of Chinese authorities. Seagate said Monday that the only data captured were game-related passwords, that it had no evidence of Chinese involvement, and that it had stopped all shipments from the factory. (See item [29](#))

DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report Fast Jump

Production Industries: [Energy; Chemical; Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste; Defense Industrial Base; Dams](#)

Service Industries: [Banking and Finance; Transportation; Postal and Shipping; Information Technology; Communications; Commercial Facilities](#)

Sustenance and Health: [Agriculture and Food; Water; Public Health and Healthcare](#)

Federal and State: [Government Facilities; Emergency Services; National Monuments and Icons](#)

Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical:** ELEVATED, **Cyber:** ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *November 13, The Associated Press* – (California) **Lawyer: Bay pilot did not realize damage.** A lawyer for the ship pilot under investigation in San Francisco Bay's biggest

oil spill in nearly two decades said his client did not immediately realize the severity of the crash that led to the leak. The cargo ship struck a bridge support last week, opening a 90-foot gash in the hull that dumped 58,000 gallons into the bay, fouling miles of coastline and killing dozens of shorebirds. Federal prosecutors investigating the incident are focusing on problems involving management and communication between the officers on the ship's bridge at the time. Among other things, the ship was under new ownership and management, and the crew's experience on the vessel appears to have been limited, officials said. Investigators want to know if the ship's pilot played down the incident, preventing authorities from relaying accurate information to the public.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071113/ap_on_re_us/bay_spill;_ylt=Agu9WYx.OuDpQNG_pRyNU7es0NUE

2. *November 13, Platts* – (International) **World oil demand seen rising 2.3% to 87.69 mil barrels per day in 2008: IEA.** The International Energy Agency said Tuesday there were “clear signs” that high oil prices were hitting demand in OECD countries, slashing its estimates of consumption for the fourth quarter of 2007 and next year. For the world as a whole, the IEA cut its estimate of demand for the fourth quarter of this year by 500,000 b/d to 87.14 million b/d, and for 2008 by 300,000 b/d to 87.69 million b/d. But world oil demand is still expected to grow by 2.3% next year, largely due to robust economic growth outside the OECD and the fact that consumers in China and the Middle East are largely protected from high prices by subsidies, the IEA report said.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8355295.xml?sub=Oil&p=Oil/News&?undefined&undefined>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Chemical Industry Sector

3. *November 12, The Anniston Star* – (Alabama) **Anniston PCBs cleanup progressing, still not done.** Contaminated soil has been removed, and \$600 million has been paid to 21,000 people exposed to PCBs from the old Monsanto Co. plant in Anniston, Alabama. A clinic is open for residents, and streams and fish in the area still are being tested for signs of the toxic chemical. But the cleanup may never be finished in Anniston, where generations were exposed to PCBs without their knowledge for four decades. There is no known way to remove the substance from the human body. PCBs are in a family of hormone-mimicking chemicals that can cause troubles related to hormones, reproduction and hormone-related cancers. From the 1930s to the 1971, a Monsanto factory in Anniston manufactured PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls. The chemicals were used as a fire-retardant material in electrical transformers and capacitors. Excess PCBs were buried in a nearby landfill or poured into Snow Creek. Sometimes, they flowed off the factory property in stormwater. The PCBs-contaminated soil also was distributed in west Anniston when the company invited residents to use soil from the plant for sod at their homes. Local residents could have inhaled the chemicals, drunk them from wells, and eaten them in contaminated food like fish. \$600 million has been paid in settlements to citizens of Anniston as the cleanup work in the area continues to

eradicate the contaminated soil.

Source: <http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20071112/APN/711120815>

4. *November 12, WAFB 9* – (Louisiana) **No evacuations ordered from hydrofluoric acid leak at Honeywell.** Workers at the Honeywell plant in Baton Rouge had to evacuate the facility Monday. There was a hydrofluoric acid leak in one of the outside units. Workers discovered the leak around noon. The acid formed a cloud of smoke. There were no reported injuries. As a result, workers will have to maintain a safe distance from the spill site, but local residents have not been affected or ordered to leave the area.
<http://www.wafb.com/global/story.asp?s=7348061>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *November 13, The Post-Standard* – (New York) **FitzPatrick nuclear plant returns to full operation.** The James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant is once again running at 100 percent. The Scriba plant had been shut down three times since mid-September because of problems with its cooling system due to seaweed on Lake Ontario. On November 5, the plant began another shutdown, but this one was not related to seaweed, said a plant spokeswoman. This time, workers were repairing a valve that allows water to replace steam in the reactor. The plant resumed operation Sunday and reached full operating capacity Monday morning.
Source: <http://www.syracuse.com/articles/news/index.ssf?/base/news-9/119494819597640.xml&coll=1>
6. *November 12, The Associated Press* – (National) **Suitcase nuclear bomb unlikely to exist.** Government experts and intelligence officials say the threat of a suitcase nuclear bomb gets vastly more attention than it deserves. These officials said a true suitcase nuke would be highly complex to produce, require significant upkeep and cost a small fortune. Counterproliferation authorities do not completely rule out the possibility that these portable devices once existed. But they do not think the threat remains. “The suitcase nuke is an exciting topic that really lends itself to movies,” said the assistant director of the FBI’s Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate. “No one has been able to truly identify the existence of these devices.” Government officials say the real threat is from a terrorist who does not care about the size of his nuclear detonation and is willing to improvise, using a less deadly and sophisticated device assembled from stolen or black-market nuclear material.
Source:
http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2007/11/12/suitcase_nuclear_bomb_unlikely_to_exist/
7. *November 12, The Miami Herald* – (Florida) **FBI: Turkey Point hole vandalism not sabotage.** The FBI says it knows who drilled a tiny hole into a cooling system at the Turkey Point South Miami-Dade facility last year, but does not plan to file charges because the agency lacks sufficient evidence to prove criminal intent. Agents found no evidence to indicate sabotage after investigating the March 2006 incident, but they

believe it was an act of vandalism. They believe an out-of-state contract worker hired to help with routine maintenance drilled a one-eighth-inch hole into a pipe in the reactor's cooling system. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission concluded early on that the incident was not sabotage because, by definition, the public's health and safety were not at risk. Also, the NRC deemed the safety significance "low" because it was not related to security equipment to protect the plant.

Source: http://www.miamiherald.com/top_stories/story/304941.html

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *November 12, Thomas Net* – (National) **Alcoa Defense awarded contract for naval design services.** Alcoa announced that it has been awarded a contract from the Naval Surface Warfare Center's Carderock Division for design and engineering services. These services will assist in the development of selected assemblies and components of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and other naval vessels, particularly high-speed craft that navigate shallow waters.

Source: <http://news.thomasnet.com/companystory/535977>

9. *November 12, Dallas Business Journal* – (National) **Raytheon awarded army contract.** Raytheon Co. has been awarded a contract to provide sensor packages for the U.S. Army's unmanned and manned aircraft. The defense contractor said its initial order is for \$11 million, but the total indefinite delivery quantity contract could be worth up to \$1.2 billion if all options are exercised. The intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance group of Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems will complete the work for the program. The program calls for design and development, testing and air vehicle integration of one of its targeting systems.

Source: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/071112/1549520.html?.v=1>

10. *November 12, East Valley Tribune* – (National) **General Dynamics lands \$83M U.S. Navy contract.** Employees at General Dynamics will work on a multi-level security system under a new \$83 million contract awarded Monday by the U.S. Navy. The contract includes developing Common Enterprise Display Systems for Navy ships and providing program management, engineering, manufacturing, integrated logistic support, tests and evaluations of the display consoles. The contract is for a Navy destroyer and for a weapons system used by the Navy to track and destroy enemy targets.

Source: <http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/101847>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Banking and Finance Sector

11. *November 12, The Associated Press*– (Utah) **Commerce Bancorp warns of identity fraud investigation.** Cherry Hill, New Jersey-based Commerce Bancorp has been warning customers that a Commerce employee released some customers' personal

information to an outside party, a spokesman for the company said. The company said in a statement that only a small segment of the company's 3 million customers were impacted, but did not specify how many. Bank officials said they have notified federal and state law enforcement agencies.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--commerce-identity1112nov12,0,1291322.story>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Transportation Sector

12. *November 13, The Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Smoking suitcase found in Arizona airport.** A smoking suitcase was spotted Tuesday in the cargo area at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, but did not contain explosives, airport officials said. The fire department was called when the bag began to smoke. Passengers boarding San Antonio-bound Flight 200 were taken off the plane and the accompanying gate area was evacuated, said an airport spokeswoman. The owner of the suitcase, who was a passenger on the flight, was being questioned, officials said. A US Airways spokeswoman said the flight was allowed to leave after about an hour delay. No other flights were affected, authorities said.

Source:

http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D8SSVKFO0&show_article=1&catnum=1

13. *November 13, The Salt Lake Tribune*– (Utah) **Emergency landing at SLC airport.** A twin-engine Piper Navajo turbo prop plane came down without landing gear Monday at Salt Lake City International Airport. One of the airport's four runways was shut down while crews cleaned up, the airport superintendent said, but no delays were expected. Nobody was hurt during the emergency landing, and it is unclear how many passengers were aboard the plane, which typically can hold as many as six.

Source: http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_7447779

14. *November 12, Rocky Mountain News*– (Colorado) **DIA security lines longest in nation.** Findings, outlined in a federal statistical report and the Denver International Airport's own records, have security officials scrambling to tweak screening procedures and the state's congressional delegation pleading for more guards. The airport had the longest security wait times during peak travel periods of all large airports in the most recent fiscal year. In addition, the number of times that the wait to go through the metal detectors exceeded a half-hour has increased dramatically. On 16 occasions in September, the wait time at DIA was 45 minutes or longer. To help cope with increased holiday traffic, the airport is building two new screening lanes at the Concourse A bridge that the Transportation Safety Agency (TSA) has agreed to staff, an addition that may become permanent. The TSA has also sent a team to Denver three times in the past six months to study the problem and recommend ways to improve efficiency. A TSA spokeswoman said: "Since we put these measures into place, we have had a reduction in wait times."

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21752084/>

15. *November 12, The Denver Business Journal*– (Colorado) **GOP unveils transportation proposals.** A Monday proposal calls for shrinking the size of Colorado’s state highway system by shifting responsibility for one-time rural roads come suburban thoroughfares from the state highway department to local governments and their budgets. “Local governments can better respond to their transportation needs,” one legislator said in a statement. The proposal also calls for getting voters to approve creating and protecting a dedicated revenue stream for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) out of tax revenue from auto-related purchases, a measure on legislator said would have funneled \$292 million into CDOT last year. Law makers are also looking into building a toll road. Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/stories/2007/11/12/daily7.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *November 10, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Post office fire causes power outage.** An electrical fire at the post office in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana was blamed for knocking out power to a portion of the city on November 10. The incident happened just after 1 p.m. when something sparked in the basement of the building. Everyone in the post office evacuated without injury, but fire crews had to shut down power to parts of downtown to fight the fire. Officials said all power was restored shortly after the incident.
Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/14561455/detail.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *November 13, Chicago Tribune* – (National) **FDA, USDA oppose setting up single agency.** Critics of the U.S. food safety system complain that the system suffers from confusion caused by overlapping inspection authority, a shortage of money and inspectors and inadequate enforcement powers. While at least a dozen federal agencies share responsibility for keeping America’s food safe, with the FDA and the USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service playing the biggest roles, the agencies do not use the same standards. In the months ahead, Congress will consider several proposals to reform the system, including the creation of a single food-safety agency, an idea both the FDA and USDA oppose. A top FDA official said the agencies cooperate well now. Neither the FDA nor the USDA had the authority to order ConAgra to recall the products a batch of peanut butter that sickened 625 people in February or the potpies that caused 270 cases of food poisoning in October. In fact, all food recalls, except for those involving infant formula, are voluntary. Often, the government gets a product recalled by warning the company it could face bad publicity if it does not withdraw the food.
Source: http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/northwest/chi-1113_health_food_nov13,1,2787372.story

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Water Sector

18. *November 13, The Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **Potomac recovery deemed at risk.** The Potomac River is still polluted by contaminants that wash down from farms and fast-expanding Washington, D.C. suburbs, according to a report from the Potomac Conservancy, a Silver Spring-based environmental group, who gave the river a grade of D-plus in its first “State of the Nation’s River” report. The report comes as federal scientists say that more “intersex” fish, showing elements of both genders, are being found in the river. The Potomac Conservancy’s report cites the intersex problem, along with high levels of dirt, sewage and other pollutants, to show that the Potomac might be in danger of backsliding after a decades-long rehabilitation. Upstream, manure from agriculture washes downstream to the Potomac, carrying bacteria and pollutants that feed huge algae blooms. In the Washington, D.C. area, the report says, development is replacing forests with streets, homes and shopping centers; and rainwater, unfiltered by plant roots and soil, rushes into storm drains, carrying large amounts of grease, oil and silt.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/11/12/AR2007111201814.html>
19. *November 13, Cape Cod Times* – (Massachusetts) **State lifts Hyannis water-boil order.** The state decided yesterday that there is no longer a need for water restrictions in Hyannis, Massachusetts after tests of the water system came back free of E. coli and coliform, a water official said November 12. Residents and businesses have had to boil water since November 10, when Barnstable officials announced that the bacteria were found in a Hyannis Water System tank. A state Department of Environmental Protection official lifted the “boil order” yesterday afternoon, after two rounds of water tests came back clean. Town and environmental officials said it is possible the bacteria never reached local taps, since test results of the distribution system did not turn up any of the bacteria. The department will continue to sample the water as a precaution. It is still unclear how the bacteria got into the tank.
Source: <http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071113/NEWS/711130312>
20. *November 12, WPBF ABC25 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **West Palm Beach lifts boil-water order.** The boil-water order instituted over the weekend for parts of West Palm Beach, Florida has been lifted after water management officials gave the all-clear. The order was instituted over the weekend after a city worker shut the wrong pump valve, causing the pressure to drop and leaving water vulnerable to contamination, the mayor of West Palm Beach said. It has been just a little over a month since the last boil water order was lifted. Residents were warned for 10 days not to use the water because of fecal bacteria contamination. Last week, an independent contractor identified an old pipe in the West Palm Beach water treatment plant as the potential source of contamination.
Source: <http://www.wpbf.com/health/14571784/detail.html>

21. *November 11, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Out of sight, and in the water.** Across the country, buried ash is a growing but widely ignored source of pollution from coal-fired power plants, according to a researcher who has studied them. He said filters on the smokestacks of coal-fired power plants catch not only ash, but also mercury, arsenic, chromium and other potential carcinogens. Then the power companies dump the waste into loosely regulated landfills - from which dangerous metals can seep into streams and wells. There are at least six major ash dumps in Maryland that receive the waste from the burning of coal at power plants, but there are few rules governing these sites. At some dumps, the state does not require pollution control permits or liners to prevent leakage. Several areas have been affected, including the Wicomico River and Bowling Creek and drinking water wells in Anne Arundel County. Maryland Department of the Environment officials said that by the end of the year, they plan to issue the state's first "comprehensive regulations" on coal ash waste. The agency may start requiring more testing of groundwater, a longer list of contaminants that should be monitored, and liners underneath all fly ash dumps.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/bal-te.md.ash11nov11,0,7340016.story?coll=bal-local-headlines>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *November 13, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **4 transplant recipients get HIV from donor.** Four transplant recipients in Chicago contracted HIV from a high-risk organ donor whose infection went undetected in what hospital officials say is the first documented case of the virus being transmitted by organ donation in the U.S. in more than 20 years. The transplants occurred in January at three Chicago hospitals, but the patients only learned over the past two weeks that they were infected with HIV and the virus for hepatitis C. Hospital and organ donation officials said the infections arose because of a rarely encountered flaw in the test used to detect those diseases -- a flaw that more sensitive tests could help fix, some experts believe. A screening questionnaire determined that the organ donor had engaged in high-risk behavior, but tests for HIV, hepatitis and other conditions came back negative, most likely because the donor had acquired the infections in the last three weeks before death. Federal guidelines specify which potential donors are considered at high risk for HIV and how hospitals should handle that information.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/services/newspaper/printedition/tuesday/chi-organ13nov13,0,7359947.story?coll=chi-newsnationworld-utl>

23. *November 12, The Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Over 200 cruise ship passengers infected with Norwalk virus in Hawaii.** State health officials have identified the highly contagious Norwalk virus in an outbreak that affected about 220 passengers aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL) ship *Pride of Hawaii*. The virus infected about 9 percent of the ship's 2,500 passengers, according to NCL. The ship returned to Honolulu on Monday morning after its weekly seven-day cruise around the islands. The company reported Friday that the outbreak had been confined to just the one ship, and the *Pride of*

Aloha and *Pride of America* were not affected. Investigators from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will handle the outbreak.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,311021,00.html>

24. *November 12, Reuters* – (National) **St. Jude defibrillator wires under scrutiny: report.** Reports are emerging that the Riata line of defibrillator leads made by St. Jude Medical Inc. are in rare instances puncturing holes in the hearts of cardiac patients, the *Wall Street Journal* reported Monday in its online edition. They are fixed to the heart wall and when they sense the heart's rhythm is off, the defibrillator is supposed to dispatch an electric shock, the newspaper said. But in some cases, rather than staying attached to the heart, the Riata leads are poking holes through the heart, the Journal reported. Representatives from St. Jude were not immediately available for comment.
- Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idUSN1243492820071112>

Government Facilities Sector

25. *November 12, WTHI News 10 Terre Haute* – (Indiana) **Prosecutor's office torched.** Police in Martin County, Indiana are still investigating a burglary and arson at the prosecutor's office in Shoals. Authorities say the burglar entered the building by smashing a window in a door, and then going through the door. Once inside he took several items, set the place on fire, and left via a narrow passage to the street. Police later arrested a 27-year-old on charges of possession of stolen property, who, they later learned, also had a history with the prosecutor.
- Source: http://www.wthitv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7349372&nav=menu593_2
26. *November 12, Fox News* – (New York) **New York City mayor says United Nations building is a hazard to schoolchildren.** New York City's mayor warned that school field trips will stop if sprinklers, smoke detectors, exit signs, emergency lighting, alarms that alert the fire department and other safety features are not put in place by January and March of 2008. "We've had an extensive dialogue with New York City going back many months," said the U.N. Assistant Secretary-General, who is also the executive director of the separate, upcoming \$1.876 billion U.N. renovation called the "capital master plan." "We have arrived at deadlines we believe are achievable, and we're working toward those deadlines." But the fixes will be both costly and temporary, because the larger, planned refurbishing project involves gutting the building and tearing up the current modifications, along with everything else inside. The U.N. had been flagged for 866 violations, and the mayor estimated that fewer than 20 percent had been taken care of so far. The New York City Fire Department gave the U.N. until January to comply with standards, and until March to finish.
- Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,310816,00.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Emergency Services Sector

27. *November 13, Chico Enterprise-Record* – (California) **California medical first responders get WMD training.** “Charlie,” a quarter-million-dollar silicone dummy simulator is one of the latest and most sophisticated tools teaching emergency medical personnel about weapons of mass destruction (WMD). It is the size of a full-grown man, and contains circuitry, pumps and valves designed to react exactly as internal human organs would to drugs, toxins, nerve agents and explosions. Charlie has been the centerpiece of a three-day training course this week in Corning, California, where 23 emergency medical responders from Butte, Glenn and other north-state counties are learning how to react to chemical, biological, nuclear and explosive threats. “He can even be hooked up to an IV and a heart monitor,” said an instructor from the Texas Engineering Extension Service, which is affiliated with Texas A&M University, the creator of the simulators, of which there are dozens. She said Charlie, and a smaller pediatric model named “JC,” can be programmed to exhibit the ill effects from a number of chemical and biological sources. Those effects can include watery eyes, a runny nose, shallow breathing or low blood pressure. The dummies can also simulate recovery from the agents, so medical personnel know if they diagnosed the exposure properly, and followed the right protocol, she said. The WMD training also teaches medical responders to recognize potential threats as they approach an emergency scene, activate the appropriate resources, determine the level of protection responders will need, such as hazmat suits and respirators, and decide on the best way to decontaminate victims and the emergency scene.

Source: [http://www.emsresponder.com/web/online/Top-EMS-News/California-Medical-First-Responders-Get-WMD-Training/1\\$6519](http://www.emsresponder.com/web/online/Top-EMS-News/California-Medical-First-Responders-Get-WMD-Training/1$6519)

28. *November 12, The Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Special chemical alert siren in place.** A siren perched on a pole between a South Side Columbus, Ohio resin factory and a rail yard soon will be able to warn people of something other than tornadoes. The two-tone alarm, which will be tested for about a minute starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, will warn the Marion-Franklin neighborhood if a spill, derailment or some other industrial emergency shoots a cloud of poisonous chemicals into the air. “It’s going to be a completely different tone,” said the acting director of Franklin County’s Emergency Management Agency. “It’s got a high pitch and a low pitch, and it alternates back and forth.” The test of the Watkins Road siren on Tuesday will come 10 years after an explosion at the Georgia-Pacific resin plant that killed a worker and forced the evacuation of about 30 nearby homes. Although air tests found negligible amounts of formaldehyde after that incident, neighbors complained that it took emergency officials 30 minutes to decide to clear the area. Officials will trigger the new alarm when firefighters or other emergency officials determine there is a threat, said the manager of the county’s warning systems. It will be tested on the second Tuesday of each month. People who hear an actual alarm should go inside. Emergency officials will tell residents to evacuate or take shelter in their homes through instructions piped through the siren or automated phone messages. People who take shelter in their homes are supposed to close all doors and windows, turn off their furnace or air conditioner, close all vents, stay out of the basement and move to interior rooms.

Source:

http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2007/11/12/Hazsiren.ART_A

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Information Technology

29. *November 12, Computerworld* – (International) **Update: Maxtor drives contain password-stealing Trojans.** Seagate Technology LLC has shipped Maxtor disk drives that contain Trojan horses that upload data to a pair of Chinese Web sites, the Taiwanese government's security service warned this weekend. The Investigation Bureau said it suspected mainland China's authorities were responsible for planting the malware on the drives at the factory. "The bureau said that the method of attack was unusual, adding that it suspected Chinese authorities were involved," a story posted by the English-language Taipei Times reported Sunday. Seagate confirmed Monday that some Maxtor Basics 3200 drives were infected out of the box, but the company said it had no proof that the Chinese government was involved. According to the newspaper, about 1,800 Seagate-made drives left a Thailand facility with a pair of Trojan horses preinstalled. The two Trojans, said the Investigation Bureau, "phone home" to a pair of Web sites hosted in Beijing and report all data recorded on the compromised drive. Seagate, however, countered that the only data captured by the on-disk Trojans and sent to the Chinese Web sites were game-related passwords. Internet records show that both sites -- www.nice8.org and www.we168.org -- were registered with XinNet.cn, one of China's largest domain registrars. Much of the registration information, however, including the contact name and mailing address, appears to be bogus. The Investigation Bureau identified the infected drives as 500GB models and has demanded that the Taiwanese distributor pull all units from shelves. Of the 1,800 drives reportedly malware-equipped, 1,500 have been removed from the sales channel. The remainder had already been sold. For those customers Seagate will post a 60-day trial version of Kaspersky Labs' antivirus software on its Web site.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9046424&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

30. *November 12, PC World* – (National) **Apple iPhone update fixes security bug.** Apple has pushed out its iPhone 1.1.2 firmware update to users of its popular mobile phone, fixing a widely publicized bug in the iPhone's browser. Apple made the software available for download last Thursday, but on Monday it began pushing it out automatically to users via its iTunes updating mechanism. The iPhone uses iTunes to scan for security updates once per week, so users will gradually be offered this new firmware over the next seven days. The update fixes a bug in the way that the iPhone renders TIFF (Tagged Image File Format) images. The bug patch is a bit of a mixed blessing for iPhone enthusiasts. While it fixes a critical security vulnerability, that flaw had been used by iPhone developers in the unauthorized Jailbreak software that is used to run third-party applications. The update makes it difficult for users of brand-new iPhones to install Jailbreak. Apple has been in a tug of war with some developers who have had to circumvent Apple's security measures in order to get their software to run on the iPhone. Apple initially wanted to prevent all third-party code from running

directly on its mobile device, but in recent months the company has reversed course and promised to give developers a way to run their code on the iPhone. This software development kit (SDK) will become available in February 2008.

Source: <http://tech.yahoo.com/news/pcworld/139562>

31. *November 12, Computerworld* – (National) **WSUS sync snafu cripples enterprise update ability on eve of Patch Tuesday.** A glitch in the software that most midsize and large businesses use to update their Microsoft applications and operating systems had some administrators scrambling a day before Patch Tuesday. If the problem in Windows Server Update Services (WSUS) is not fixed before tomorrow, administrators will not be able to download and deploy the vulnerability patches and other nonsecurity updates Microsoft Corp. has planned for Tuesday, said the director of security operations at security tools vendor nCircle Inc. “It appears that anybody who synced WSUS [with Microsoft’s Windows Update servers] today or yesterday is essentially DOA,” he said. The default WSUS setting is to sync daily. WSUS users began reporting the error this morning when they first accessed the WSUS console. According to those reports, the error read, “The WSUS administration console has encountered an unexpected error.” Several users, writing in a forum hosted by a third-party site dedicated to the update management software, suggested newly added WSUS products could be the source of the error. The SANS Institute’s Internet Storm Center, which also noted that it had received accounts of the WSUS error, pointed out that at least one administrator had posted a work-around. The fix, however, requires the user to issue several lengthy commands in Microsoft’s free-to-download SQL Server Management Studio Express. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9046478&intsrc=news_ts_head

32. *November 12, Computerworld* – (National) **Ex-security pro admits running huge botnet.** A former security researcher admitted to hijacking a quarter of a million PCs, using spyware to steal bank and PayPal account information, and making money by installing adware on the massive botnet. He agreed Friday to plead guilty to four felony counts, including accessing protected computers, disclosing illegally intercepted electronic communications, wire fraud and bank fraud. He faces a total of 60 years in prison and fines of \$1.75 million for his part in building and then using the botnet. Several others, named only by their online monikers, were listed as accomplices. According to an assistant U.S. Attorney, the man, known online as “Acidstorm” and “Acid,” was the first to be charged under federal wiretap statutes for using a botnet. He and his co-schemers infected PCs with malware -- likely Trojan horses, although the court papers didn’t specify the malicious code -- that added the compromised systems to a botnet and then stole usernames and passwords stored by Microsoft Corp.’s Internet Explorer browser. IE, like other browsers, will save that information to speed future log-ons. He mined the data retrieved from the botnet to access multiple PayPal accounts as well as other financial accounts and then plundered them. Some of the looted PayPal funds were used to pay for more Web hosting space and bandwidth to continue spreading the malware and adding to the botnet, prosecutors said. The man was employed as a security consultant until early 2006. He used both work and home

computers to oversee the botnet.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9046499&intsrc=news_ts_head

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Communications Sector

33. *November 13, The Associated Press* – (International) **China Mobile sets up on Mount Everest.** China's largest cell phone service provider successfully tested a transmission station on Mount Everest on Tuesday, making it possible for climbers and those on next year's Olympic torch relay to make calls, a state news agency reported. China Mobile had to hire yaks and porters to help transport equipment up to the station site at 21,325 feet, the Xinhua News Agency said. The new station, along with two other China Mobile stations at 17,060 feet and 19,095 feet, would provide cell phone service along the entire Mount Everest climbing route, Xinhua said. It would also be put into use during next year's Olympic torch relay, which will take the flame to the 29,035-foot summit.

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/technology-wire/story/228384.html>

34. *November 12, Reuters* – (International) **Diplomats near deal on earmarking world radiowaves.** An agreement on how to divide the world's radio-frequencies among satellite operators, mobile phone companies and broadcasters is close, industry and diplomatic sources said on Tuesday. Insiders said participants in the month-long World Radiocommunication Conference, due to wrap up on Friday, were wrapping up a deal sharing out the spectrum used in wireless and satellite signals, a finite resource worth billions of dollars. "The details are being finalized," said one participant to the Geneva talks, which have involved 2,600 people including corporate representatives from AT&T, Boeing, Nortel, Sharp, Intel and Qualcomm. The United States has been pushing for more high-quality spectrum to be earmarked for new mobile technologies, while resisting any loss in the frequencies accessed by the military, as well as for meteorology, maritime distress and safety. Radio waves are also fundamental for ensuring aircraft safety and natural disaster monitoring. Household devices such as garage-door openers also use such signals, though at a weak level. Because advanced mobile services are still being developed, and will not require extra spectrum space for several years, sources familiar with the Geneva talks said there was a reluctance to immediately reallocate frequencies in a radical way.

Source: http://tech.yahoo.com/news/nm/telecoms_radio_dc

35. *November 12, RCR Wireless News* – (National) **FCC grants Globalstar, Iridium L-band spectrum, ATC plans out for comment.** The Federal Communications Commission agreed to divide mobile satellite service L-band spectrum between CDMA operator Globalstar Inc. and TDMA operator Iridium Satellite L.L.C., while soliciting public comment on a plan to give Globalstar ancillary terrestrial component authority on most of its MSS frequencies. The agency's actions give Globalstar and Iridium each exclusive MSS use of 7.775 megahertz of spectrum in the L-band (1.6 GHz) and sets the stage for Globalstar to incorporate ATC in more than 19 megahertz of the 27.85 megahertz of spectrum it controls in the L-band and S-band (2.4-2.5 GHz). Globalstar petitioned the FCC in June 2006 to use supplemental terrestrial wireless facilities across all of its MSS frequencies, but the agency said doing so posed potential interference to Iridium and land-based wireless broadband networks. At the same time, the FCC is willing to allow Globalstar to integrate ATC in nearly twice as many a frequencies as currently authorized.

Source:

<http://www.rcrnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20071112/FREE/71112003/1005>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *November 11, The Providence Journal*– (Rhode Island) **Drug raid turns up bomb; 2 charged.** Local police in Coventry, Rhode Island discovered a pipe bomb during a drug raid on Friday night. The state bomb squad and an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was called to the scene, where the bomb was “rendered safe.” No charges were filed about the bomb, but two men were arrested in connection with drugs found at the scene.

Source: http://www.projo.com/news/content/COVENTRY_BOMB_11-11-07_BJ7QQKF_v8.28b56fa.html

[\[Return to top\]](#)

National Monuments & Icons Sector

37. *November 13, KTVQ Billings* – (Montana) **Wildfire burning north of Big Timber grows.** Strong wind gusts of up to 80 miles an hour are fueling a fire that is forcing evacuations and causing problems for motorists in Sweet Grass County, Montana. The ChiChi fire was reported November 12. The fire has grown from 12,000 acres Monday night to an estimated 19,000 acres Tuesday morning. There is no word yet on the cause of the fire, but it started in the Gallatin National Forest.

Source:

http://www.montanasnewsstation.com/Global/story.asp?S=7350033&nav=menu227_7

38. *November 12, International Herald Tribune* – (District of Columbia) **U.S. weighs future of Unknowns memorial.** The fate of the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery was uncertain during this Veterans Day weekend because the U.S.

Army has yet to decide whether to replace or repair the monument, which is 75 years old and marred by several large cracks. Under consideration for years, the idea of replacing the monument has pitted conservationists, who say that the original structure should be restored, against those who say that replacing the tomb is inevitable and would properly memorialize America's fallen soldiers. One crack cuts through the figures on the monument that represent Valor, Victory and Peace. The crack underlines carvings of inverted wreaths on two sides of the structure, and the words "an American" in the only inscription: "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

Source: <http://www.ihl.com/articles/2007/11/12/america/tomb.php>

39. *November 11, KPIX CBS 5* – (California) **Oil spill spreads to Point Reyes National Seashore.** Oil from the Cosco Busan oil spill reached the southern tip of Point Reyes National Seashore in California on November 11, according to the National Parks Service. Park Service staff first spotted the thick oil globules along RCA Beach just north of Bolinas Point this morning, according to a Park Service spokesman. The national park is home to many sensitive and protected species, including snowy plovers, brown pelicans, northern fur seals, northern elephant seals and harbor seals. RCA Beach has been closed to the public. As a precaution, the Park Service has also closed Palomarin Beach, located a short distance up the coast from RCA Beach.

Source: http://cbs5.com/localwire/localnews/bcn/2007/11/11/n/HeadlineNews/SPILL-SPREADS/resources_bcn_html

[\[Return to top\]](#)

Dams Sector

40. *November 13, The Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Minnesota's dams are deteriorating.** In Minnesota, an *Associated Press* review found a new concern: dams. A review of state records and interviews with officials found that even when dams have serious known flaws that could cause loss of life and major property damage, it can take years to fix those problems. The Lake Bronson Dam is at the top of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' priority list, yet any major work to renovate or replace it is likely years away. The director of the Department of Natural Resource's Waters Division, said he is confident that neither Lake Bronson nor any of the 1,150 other dams the DNR regulates are an immediate risk to public safety. The *AP* review found numerous problems, including that the DNR has not kept up with inspection schedules laid out in agency regulations; Minnesota's average inspector is responsible for more than 330 dams; and the state is not meeting federal guidelines that recommend that dam owners conduct periodic tabletop exercises to check the emergency plans for dams that have them.

Source:

http://news.postbulletin.com/newsmanager/templates/localnews_story.asp?z=2&a=315359

41. *November 12, KNXV ABC15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Arizona has dozens of unsafe or structurally deficient dams.** Arizona's highest-risk dam is in Fredonia, along the Arizona-Utah border. In the event of a breach, "a large portion of the town would be

flooded, and there'd likely be a loss of life and significant property damage," said the manager of the Dam Safety Program for the Arizona Department of Water Resources. Engineers say that in a flood, the bends in the "severely cracked" dam would experience "sudden failure" and give out first. A school and hundreds of homes are in the flood plain. Repairs to the dam are estimated at \$5-\$7 million, but the town of Fredonia, whose responsibility it is to repair the dam, does not have that money. The state has limited funds for dam repair, and the federal government has not approved any money for them to fix it.

Source: http://www.abc15.com/content/news/webextra/story.aspx?content_id=d0be5a0b-ff5b-4464-952c-3b3c9ed10529

42. *November 12, The Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Lawrence officials worry about health of old dam.** The face of the Bowersock Dam in Lawrence, Kansas, lies below the water and is responsible for keeping the river contained, and raising its level, so that enough water can be captured and treated for the city's supply. A recent report by an engineering firm raised concerns about the dam's future. The dam is one of Lawrence's oldest pieces of infrastructure, built in 1874. Inside the dam, cage-like structures hold boulders, rubble and other heavy objects that were available. The cages largely were built with wire mesh and timbers. The report said if the timbers begin to give way, it would compromise dam. Without it, the city's Kaw Water Treatment Plant, just upstream, would have a difficult time capturing enough water to meet the city's needs. The report said the city needs to do at least \$320,000 worth of repairs this winter and estimated that long-term repairs would cost the city \$7.5 million to \$18 million. Before the city undertakes such work, the engineers said, it should consider building a new dam, costing between \$20 million and \$25 million.

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/news/updates/story/225702.html>

[\[Return to top\]](#)

DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report Contact Information

DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Reports – The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a daily [Monday through Friday] summary of open-source published information concerning significant critical infrastructure issues. The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is archived for ten days on the Department of Homeland Security Website: <http://www.dhs.gov/iaipdailyreport>

DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report Contact Information

Content and Suggestions:	Send mail to NICCRports@dhs.gov or contact the DHS Daily Report Team at (202) 312-5389
Subscription and Distribution Information:	Send mail to NICCRports@dhs.gov or contact the DHS Daily Report Team at (202) 312-5389 for more information.

Contact DHS

To report physical infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center at nicc@dhs.gov or (202) 282-9201.

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web page at www.us-cert.gov.

Department of Homeland Security Disclaimer

The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a non-commercial publication intended to educate and inform personnel engaged in infrastructure protection. Further reproduction or redistribution is subject to original copyright restrictions. DHS provides no warranty of ownership of the copyright, or accuracy with respect to the original source material.